

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 3278

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 18, 1989

Application of POTOMAC VALLEY)
BUS LINES, INC., for a Certificate)
of Public Convenience and Necessity)
to Perform Charter Operations)

Case No. AP-89-01

Application of VIRGINIA COACH)
COMPANY for a Certificate of)
Public Convenience and Necessity)
to Perform Charter Operations)

Case No. AP-89-02

By application filed January 4, 1989, in Case No. AP-89-01, Potomac Valley Bus Lines, Inc. (Potomac), a Maryland corporation, seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transport passengers, together with mail, express, and baggage in the same vehicle as passengers, in for-hire charter operations between points in the Metropolitan District, except transportation solely within the Commonwealth of Virginia. [See Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 1(b).]

Potomac's proposed tariff shows group charter rates of \$320 for the first 8 hours or less, plus \$40 for each additional hour. Lectured sightseeing charter service would be offered at \$45 an hour, with a four-hour minimum. One-way transfer charges would be:

Washington National Airport	\$150
Washington Dulles International Airport	\$200

Potomac's equipment list shows four buses seating 47 to 49 passengers and equipped with air-conditioning, restrooms, reclining seats, and stereo and public address systems. Also in support of its application, Potomac submitted a balance sheet as of December 31, 1987, an operating statement for calendar year 1987, and a projection of revenues and expenses if this application were granted.

Potomac was granted temporary authority through June 9, 1989, in Case No. MP-88-37 to conduct certain charter operations specified in Order No. 3263, served December 9, 1988.

By application filed January 6, 1989, Virginia Coach Company (Virginia Coach), a Virginia corporation, seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transport passengers, together with mail, express, and baggage in the same vehicle as passengers, in for-hire

charter operations between points in the Metropolitan District, except transportation solely within the Commonwealth of Virginia. [See Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 1(b).]

Virginia Coach's tariff shows group charter rates of \$320 for the first 8 hours or less, plus \$40 for each additional hour. Lectured sightseeing service would be offered at \$45 an hour, with a four-hour minimum.

Virginia Coach's equipment list shows two 21-passenger vehicles, seven 47-passengers buses, and three 49-passenger buses. Also in support of its application, Virginia Coach submitted a balance sheet for December 31, 1987, an operating statement for calendar year 1987, and a projection of revenues and expenses if this application were granted.

Virginia Coach holds WMATC Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 136, attached as an appendix to this order. In addition, Virginia Coach was granted temporary authority through June 9, 1989, in Case No. MP-88-37 to conduct certain charter operations specified in Order No. 3263, served December 9, 1988.

By motion filed January 12, 1989, counsel for Potomac and Virginia Coach requests that these two proceedings be consolidated and heard on the same record because they have the same geographical scope, because they will present many of the same witnesses, and because of the economies of doing so. For good cause shown, the motion will be granted.

Pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact, these applications will be scheduled for public hearing to determine if each of the applicants is fit, willing, and able to perform the proposed service properly and comply with the Compact and the Commission's rules and regulations and to determine whether the public convenience and necessity require the proposed service. Each applicant will be assessed an amount preliminarily estimated to cover the hearing expenses applicants are required to bear pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 19.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

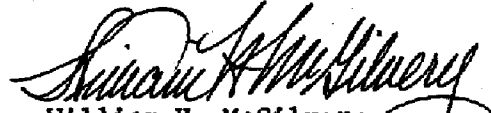
1. That a public hearing in Case Nos. AP-89-01 and AP-89-02 is hereby scheduled to commence Tuesday, March 7, 1989, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104.

2. That Potomac Valley Bus Lines, Inc., and Virginia Coach Company shall jointly publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, and each shall post continuously and conspicuously in each of its vehicles through the date of public hearing, notice of these applications and the hearing thereon in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission no later than Wednesday, January 25, 1989, and shall present at the hearing affidavits of posting and publication.

3. That any person desiring to protest either of these applications shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule No. 14, or any person desiring to be heard on these matters shall so notify the Commission, in writing, no later than Friday, February 24, 1989, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or notice on applicants' counsel Lawrence E. Lindeman, Esquire, 805 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3016.

4. That Potomac Valley Coach Lines, Inc., and Virginia Coach Company are each hereby assessed \$300 pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 19 of the Compact, and each is directed to deliver said amount to the office of the Commission no later than Friday, February 24, 1989.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


William H. McGilvery
Executive Director